

Amendments to the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for providing images, the method comprising:  
receiving at least one search result, the search result comprising an image, wherein the image includes an original rank, the original rank based on the relevance of the image within the search result;  
converting the image to a modifiable format;  
determining a usability of the converted image according to visual characteristics of the converted image; and  
assigning a new rank to the search result in response to the usability of the converted image.
2. (Cancelled)
3. (Cancelled)
4. (Cancelled)
5. (Cancelled)
6. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the usability comprises a similarity to previously acquired images.
7. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the usability comprises an ease of modification for the converted image.
8. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the usability comprises a similarity to an image style.

9. (Original) A computer program product, stored on a computer readable medium, and including computer executable instructions for controlling a processor to provide images, the instructions comprising:

receiving at least one search result, the search result comprising an image;  
determining a usability of the image according to visual characteristics of the image; and  
assigning a new rank to the search result in response to the usability of the image.

10. (Original) The computer program product of claim 9, wherein the instructions for determining a usability comprise instructions for determining a number of edges for the image.

11. (Original) The computer program product of claim 9, wherein the instructions for determining a usability comprise instructions for determining a number of segments for the image.

12. (Original) The computer program product of claim 9, wherein the instructions for determining a usability comprise instructions for determining a number of colors for the image.

13. (Original) The computer program product of claim 9, wherein the instructions for determining a usability comprise instructions for determining a file format for the image.

14. (Original) The computer program product of claim 9, wherein the instructions for determining a usability comprise instructions for determining a number of intensity peaks for the image.

15. (Original) The computer program product of claim 9, wherein the usability comprises an ease of modification for the image.

16. (Original) The computer program product of claim 9, wherein the usability comprises a similarity to an image style.

17. (Original) A system for providing an image to a user, the system comprising:

a search result comprising an image; and

a reorder module configured to:

determine a usability of the image associated with the search result according to visual

characteristics of the image; and

assign a new rank to the search result in response to the usability.

18. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 17, wherein determining ~~an ease-of~~  
~~modification~~ a usability comprises determining a number of edges for the image.

19. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 17, wherein determining ~~an ease-of~~  
~~modification~~ a usability comprises determining a number of segments for the image.

20. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 17, wherein determining ~~an ease-of~~  
~~modification~~ a usability comprises determining a number of colors for the image.

21. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 17, wherein determining ~~an ease-of~~  
~~modification~~ a usability comprises determining a file format for the image.

22. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 17, wherein determining ~~an ease-of~~  
~~modification~~ a usability comprises determining a number of intensity peaks for the image.

23. (Original) The system of claim 17, further comprising a conversion module configured to represent the image as a plurality of vectors, the vectors representing line segments within the image.

24. (Original) The system of claim 17, wherein the usability comprises an a similarity to previously acquired images.

25. (Original) The system of claim 17, wherein the usability comprises an ease of modification for the image.

26. (Original) The system of claim 17, wherein the usability comprises a similarity to an image style.

27. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein converting the image to a modifiable format comprises:

determining line segments within the image; and

converting the image to a vector based format, wherein each image is represented as a plurality of vectors, the vectors representing the line segments of the image.

28. (New) The method of claim 1 wherein determining a usability comprises applying a weighted analysis, said weighted analysis includes determining an ease of modification for the converted image and comparing the ease of modification to the original rank of the image.

29. (New) The method of claim 7, wherein determining the ease of modification comprises determining a number of edges for the converted image.

30. (New) The method of claim 7, wherein determining the ease of modification comprises determining a number of segments for the converted image.

31. (New) The method of claim 7, wherein determining the ease of modification comprises determining a number of colors for the converted image.

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32. (New) The method of claim 7, wherein determining the ease of modification comprises determining a number of intensity peaks for the converted image.